IN THE CLAIMS

21.   (**Currently Amended**) A system for selecting a mirrored service in a network environment, the system comprising:

first and a second border routers;

a ~~comparor~~ **director response protocol agent coupled to the first and second and border routers and** configured to receive a first border gateway protocol attribute related to a first mirrored service **from the first border router** and a second border gateway protocol attribute related to a second mirrored service **from the second border router,** said first mirrored service and said second mirrored service in a same autonomous system, said ~~comparor~~ **director response protocol agent** configured to compare the first border gateway protocol attribute with the second border gateway protocol attribute, resulting in a selected attribute, wherein the selected attribute meets a predetermined criteria, and wherein a mirrored service associated with the selected attribute is selected, wherein the first border gateway protocol attribute is a first multi-exit discriminator (MED); and

a distributed director coupled with the first and second protocol agents to compare the first border gateway protocol attribute with the second border gateway protocol attribute, resulting in a selected attribute, wherein the selected attribute meets a predetermined criteria, and wherein a mirrored service associated with the selected attribute is selected.

22.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the second border gateway protocol attribute is a second multi-exit discriminator.

23.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 22, wherein the predetermined criteria is a smaller one of the first multi-exit discriminator (MED) and the second multi-exit discriminator (MED).

24.   (**Currently Amended**) A system for selecting a mirrored service in a network environment, the system comprising:

     first and a second border routers;

     a ~~comparor~~ **director response protocol agent coupled to the first and second and border routers and** configured to receive a first border gateway protocol attribute related to a first mirrored service **from the first border router** and a second border gateway protocol attribute related to a second mirrored service **from the second border router**, said first mirrored service and said second mirrored service in a same autonomous system, said ~~comparor~~ **director response protocol agent** configured to compare the first border gateway protocol attribute with the second border gateway protocol attribute, resulting in a selected attribute, wherein the selected attribute meets a predetermined criteria, and wherein a mirrored service associated with the selected attribute is selected, wherein the first border gateway protocol attribute is a community attribute; and

     a distributed director coupled with the first and second protocol agents to compare the first border gateway protocol attribute with the second border gateway protocol attribute, resulting in a selected attribute, wherein the selected attribute meets a predetermined criteria, and wherein a mirrored service associated with the selected attribute is selected.

25.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the predetermined criteria is a predetermined community attribute.